

**DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL**  
**REGISTERED ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSOR**  
**NEWSLETTER - JANUARY 2007**

**Hello REAs!**

In this issue of the REA E-News, we provide news and links to information on upcoming events that may be of interest to you.

Please contact us with any comments or ideas you have about the REA E-News (what you like and do not like), the REA Program in general, or suggestions on how we can better assist you. Your input is very important to us. Our e-mail address is [REA\\_Mailbox@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:REA_Mailbox@dtsc.ca.gov).  
Note: We use Pacific Time for upcoming events.

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**REA PROGRAM NOTICE**

The Registered Environmental Assessor Program advises Registered Environmental Assessor I (REA I) and Registered Environmental Assessor II (REA II) holders of the following:

Registration as an REA I or an REA II is not a substitute for licensure as a professional engineer or a professional geologist. The California Department of Consumer Affairs Board for Geologists and Geophysicists and the Board for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors are authorized to take disciplinary actions for the unlicensed practice of Geology or Engineering and acts of professional negligence, fraud, or other violations of statute. Should either board take actions against an REA I or REA II, the individual shall be subject to a fact-finding review by Registered Environmental Assessor Program staff and be subject to revocation of the REA registration.

For more information regarding unacceptable practices, please contact the Board of Geologists and Geophysicists (<http://www.geology.ca.gov>) or the Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors (<http://www.dca.ca.gov/pels/>).

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**REA CONTACT INFORMATION**

Please do not forget to verify your contact information and update us with any changes at [http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/database/REA/locate\\_form.cfm](http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/database/REA/locate_form.cfm). You may also update your contact information by submitting the registry update form, by calling (916) 324-6881, or by sending us an e-mail message, including updated contact information to [REA\\_Mailbox@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:REA_Mailbox@dtsc.ca.gov).  
Thank you for helping us to keep the registry up-to-date!

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## DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL (DTSC)

**NEW!** DTSC will host a free public workshop about methamphetamine-contaminated property at the **9th California Unified Program Annual Training Conference**. All interested persons are invited. The public workshop will discuss ways to improve existing laws to cleanup methamphetamine-contaminated property, such as houses, recreational vehicles, and mobile homes as required by The Methamphetamine Contaminated Property Cleanup Act of 2005. The discussion may include training, legislative changes to expand the scope of the law to other controlled substances, funding, clarifying laws and regulations, and authority. The 9<sup>th</sup> California Unified Program Annual Training Conference is being held February 12-15, 2007. For more information, please refer to the 2007 conference program:  
[http://www.calcupa.net/conference/2007/2007\\_final\\_program.pdf](http://www.calcupa.net/conference/2007/2007_final_program.pdf)

**NEW! Upcoming January 2007 All Appropriate Inquiry (AAI) Training:** DTSC is pleased to sponsor a free one-day training event given by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) on the final rule for AAI. The purpose of this free training is to provide State and local government officials, consultants, and other site assessment staff with the most current information on conducting environmental assessments in compliance with the new rule. The training is scheduled for January 23<sup>rd</sup> in Los Angeles and January 25<sup>th</sup> in Sacramento.

Website: <http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/SiteCleanup/Brownfields/index.cfm>

**Methamphetamine Contaminated Property Public Notice:** DTSC is conducting a public workshop for stakeholders and other interested parties to discuss the actions needed to further implement the goals of the Methamphetamine Contaminated Property Cleanup Act of 2005, Assembly Bill (AB) 1078 (Chapter 570, Statutes of 2005) and its follow up cleanup bill, AB 2587, (Chapter 789, Statutes of 2006).

Website: [http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/SiteCleanup/ERP/upload/Meth\\_PN\\_Contam\\_Property.pdf](http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/SiteCleanup/ERP/upload/Meth_PN_Contam_Property.pdf)

**Legislative Mandates Report 2006:** This publication serves to inform DTSC staff of new Legislatively mandated activities and important statutory changes resulting from legislation enacted in the second half of the 2005/2006 Legislative Session.

Website: [http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/LawsRegsPolicies/upload/Leg\\_REP\\_Mandates\\_06-2.pdf](http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/LawsRegsPolicies/upload/Leg_REP_Mandates_06-2.pdf)

**California Take-It-Back Partnership:** The Take-It-Back website provides convenient and safe ways for consumers to dispose of everyday hazardous wastes such as batteries, fluorescent lamps, and electronic devices.

Website: <http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/TIB/Search.cfm>

**DTSC's Events Calendar** can be accessed by clicking on the link below and choosing an event type to find dates, times, and links to additional information on events.

Website: [DTSC Calendar](#)

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## CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (CAL/EPA)

**Inspector Training Clearinghouse:** The Cal/EPA Clearinghouse for Inspector Training provides a one-stop-shopping source for all kinds of information associated with environmental inspector training. Courses offered by both state and local agencies are represented.

Website: [Cal/EPA Inspector Training Clearinghouse](#).

**The Superfund Academy 101:** Offered by US EPA, Office of Remediation and Technology Innovation. The Superfund Academy 101 consists of two introductory-level courses: Fundamentals of Superfund and Enforcement Process Overview. The target audience for each course is On-Scene Coordinators (OSC) and Remedial Project Managers (RPM). The Fundamentals of Superfund and Enforcement Process courses are mandatory for OSCs and RPMs to meet the inspector training requirements set forth under EPA Order 3500.1. The training will be held on March 5-9, 2007 in San Francisco.

Contact: Jen Grund (Tetra Tech, EMI) at (703) 390-0667 or via e-mail at [jen.grund@ttemi.com](mailto:jen.grund@ttemi.com)

For additional information, [click here](#).

**The Removal Process for Remedial Project Managers (RPMs) Course:** Offered by US EPA, Office of Remediation and Technology Innovation. A 2-day training course focuses on the various aspects of the removal process and various methods of integrating removal actions at National Priorities List (NPL) sites to complete Superfund response activities as quickly as possible. Class will be held on January 30-31, 2007. Registration is open.

Contact: Amanda Fairley (Tetra Tech, EMI) at (703) 390-0656, or via e-mail at [amanda.fairley@ttemi.com](mailto:amanda.fairley@ttemi.com)

For additional information, [click here](#).

**NEW! Cal/EPA Environmental Complaint Form:** If you have observed an activity, physical evidence of an activity, or have knowledge of what you think may be a possible illegal act or unauthorized release that caused harm or damage to California's public health or environment, Cal/EPA would like to know about it. Use the Environmental Complaint Form (in the link below) to file an environmental complaint with Cal/EPA.

Website: [http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/database/CalEPA\\_Complaint/index.cfm](http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/database/CalEPA_Complaint/index.cfm)

**California Environmental Education Interagency Network (CEEIN):** For information on upcoming events, visit the website below.

Website: <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/education/CEEIN/Events/Calendar.pdf>

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## STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD (SWRCB) & REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARDS

**California Stormwater Quality Association (CASQA) Meetings:** CASQA meetings' target audiences are stormwater quality management professionals from cities, counties, special districts, industries, consulting firms, and regulatory agencies. The next meetings are in January (see website below).

Contact Info: (650) 366-1042 or email to [info@casqa.org](mailto:info@casqa.org)

Website: [CASQA Meetings](#)

For information on upcoming SWRCB and RWQCB meetings and activities, visit the website below.

Website: <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/>

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## AIR RESOURCES BOARD (ARB)

**NEW! WEBCAST:** Chair's Air Pollution Seminar - Japanese Delegation "A National Perspective: The Japanese Climate Change Program" - Wednesday, January 17, 2007.

Website: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/research/seminars/japan/japan.htm>

**NEW! Compliance Training Program:** Today, more than any time in the past, it is essential that the professionals in the environmental field receive quality training to keep current with this accelerated evolution. The ARB Enforcement Division proudly offers this essential training. The purpose of this program is to provide comprehensive education to further the professional development of environmental specialists. The courses offered in this program provide current, practical, usable and cost-effective information for both new and experienced environmental professionals working in California.

Website: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/training/training.htm>

**Air Pollution Seminar and Webcast:** ARB holds air pollution seminars and webcast presentations from leading scientists that focus on the health impacts of air pollution, personal exposure, emission sources, atmospheric formation, and innovative control technologies. For information on upcoming seminars and webcasts and to view past presentations, visit the website below.

Website: [Air Pollution Seminar Series.](#)

For information on ARB classes, training, and workshop, visit the ARB website below.

Website: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/training/training.htm>

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## DEPARTMENT OF PESTICIDE REGULATION (DPR)

**Dormant Spray Water Quality Initiative:** Spraying of Central Valley orchard crops during cold weather, when the trees are dormant, kills over-wintering arthropod pests (such as scales and mites) and diseases. It helps to keep these destructive pests under control through the growing season. However, the organophosphate insecticides used as dormant sprays cause problems when drift occurs or when rainfall washes residues into rivers and streams. Through its Dormant Spray Water Quality Initiative, DPR works to prevent aquatic toxicity from residues of diazinon and chlorpyrifos in the Sacramento and San Joaquin Rivers.

Website: <http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/ds/index.htm>

**Recently Enacted Pesticide Laws:** New bills were passed by the Legislature and signed by Governor Schwarzenegger during the 2006 Legislative Session. The bills will become effective January 1, 2007.

Website: <http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/legbills/enacted.htm>

To find out what's new with DPR, please visit the website: [What's New?](#)

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## CALIFORNIA INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD (CIWMB)

**EcoLandscape 2007 Conference:** The EcoLandscape Conference will introduce landscape professionals to cutting edge trends and techniques to meet the challenges of water conservation, storm water pollution, peak-runoff reduction, resource conservation, and pesticide and fertilizer reduction. The conference will be held February 3, 2007 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The conference will take place at the Samuel Pannell Meadowview Community Center, 2450 Meadowview Road, Sacramento, California 95832, and it is open to the public.

For more information on this event and other upcoming events, visit the website below.

Website: <http://www.ciwmb.ca.gov/calendar>

**Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Information:** CIWMB provides links to publications and to local government HHW disposal and recycling program information by county.

Website: [Local Government HHW Info](#)

For information on CIWMB classes, training, and conferences visit the website below.

Website: <http://www.ciwmb.ca.gov/leatraining/>

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## OTHER EVENTS, NEWS, & TRAINING

### NORTHWEST ENVIRONMENTAL TRAINING CENTER

#### **Contaminant Forensics of Petroleum, Chlorinated Hydrocarbons, and Metals:**

Geochemical Applications for Assessing Contaminant Transport, Risk, and Apportioning Liability. Class is scheduled for January 30-31, 2007 at the Radisson Hotel, 500 Leisure Lane in Sacramento, CA.

**Fundamental Contaminant Chemistry:** A Review of Chemistry Principles Essential for Understanding Contaminant Behavior in the Environment. Class is scheduled for February 13, 2007 at Capitol Place Hotel Austin - Hilton Garden Inn Affiliate, 500 North Interstate 35, Austin, Texas.

**Contaminant Chemistry and Transport in Soil and Groundwater - An Overview of Petroleum, Chlorinated Hydrocarbon, and Metal Behavior in the Environment:** The class is scheduled for February 14, 2007, also in Austin, Texas.

For more information on classes or download information packet and other training visit the website below.

Website: <http://www.nwetc.org/training.htm>

### CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES

Regional Environmental Business Resource Assistance Centers (REBRAC) specialize in serving business, public agencies, and manufacturers throughout California. For more information, visit the REBRAC Website below.

Website: [REBRAC Calendar](#)

Website: [Hazardous Waste Management in California](#)

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### CALIFORNIA WASTE ASSOCIATION (CWA)

**Waste Characterization:** Presented by Jim Frampton of Cal/EPA, DTSC. Dr. Frampton will discuss proper sampling protocols, the elements of waste characterization and choosing the correct procedure. We encourage members and non-members with general or specific questions on Waste Classification to e-mail CWA ([info@go2cwa.org](mailto:info@go2cwa.org)). The meeting will be held on Wednesday January 24, 2007 at the Holiday Inn Buena Park, 7000 Beach Blvd., Buena Park, CA. Cost: Members \$25 and Non-members \$40, [Click Here to Register](#)

**Regulatory Update 2006 & 2007:** Presented by Chuck White Director of Regulatory Affairs for Waste Management. Chuck White, a leader in the waste industry for over 20 years, will discuss regulatory changes due out this year for the disposal of solid and hazardous waste. He will also speak about greenhouse gases and the problems and obstacles they will present in the future. The meeting will be held Wednesday January 31, 2007 at the Holiday Inn, 3805 Murphy Canyon Road, San Diego, CA. Cost: Members \$25 and Non-members \$35. To register e-mail your name, company name, address and e-mail to Tim Cannon at [timdteklabs@aol.com](mailto:timdteklabs@aol.com)

Website: [California Waste Association](#)

## **PRINCETON GROUNDWATER, INC.**

**The Groundwater Pollution and Hydrology:** The course is scheduled for the West Coast on February 5-9, 2007 in San Francisco and the East Coast, March 5-9, 2007 in Orlando, FL. Some of the topics will be; Advanced Concepts and Principles of Groundwater Flow, and Cleanup Goals, Guidelines and Standards in Current Regulatory Concepts.

**The Remediation Course:** The objective of this course is to teach remediation from the key methodologies to collect hydro-geochemical data, through selecting and designing remediation systems based on geological and biological effects and air/water carriers. In addition, participants will use computers to simulate remediation hydrology, groundwater pathways, capture zones, mass transport, natural attenuation, and alternative remediation designs. The course is scheduled for March 19-23, 2007 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

For more information on these courses visit: [Princeton Groundwater Course Calendar](#)

**UC DAVIS EXTENSION:** UC Davis Extension offers Environmental Health and Safety and Environmental Management courses, such as Health and Safety Training for Hazardous Waste Workers, Clandestine Drug Lab Cleanup – a HAZWOPER Supplement, Toxic and Environmental Laws and Regulations, Environmental Management Systems – An Overview, Hazardous Materials Transportation, Environmental Planning and Site Analysis, and Dynamics of Risk Communication. For information on upcoming classes, please visit the website below.

Website: [Program areas, UC Davis Extension](#)

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## **NEED TO VERIFY THE STATUS OF A LICENSURE?**

Please click the link below and then search the Board for Geologists and Geophysicists (BGG) Directory of Licensees.

Website: [California Board for Geologists and Geophysicists](#)